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IN THE
**United States District Court for the
Eastern District of North Carolina**

Southern Division

ANDREW U. D. STRAW,
Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendant.

) Case#: 7:23-cv-00162-BO-BM
)
) Hon. Terrence Boyle
) Judge Presiding
) Hon. Brian Meyers
) Magistrate Judge
)
) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

LETTER TO COURT

I, *Plaintiff* Andrew U. D. Straw, make this LETTER to express some concerns:

1. The Court appointed 2 settlement masters.
2. One, Mr. Oprison, was formerly a captain in the USMC and **legal counsel** to the **Camp LeJeune base commander**, as well as being a former clerk to one of the 4 EDNC judges.
3. The other, Mr. Perrelli, was a very high-ranking DOJ attorney and dealt with ~~civil matters, constitutionality of statutes, and led 100 attorneys at DOJ in~~ that leadership role.
4. I am concerned about the FACT that the Court chose 2 very senior level former government attorneys who served the **USMC** and **DOJ** as lawyers.
5. It was my understanding that these settlement mastera would have to have the same neutrality as the judges, but the Court has chosen attorneys who

have very strong ethical obligations to the defendant here built up over many years of acting as the defendant's lawyers.

WHEREFORE, it seems to me that the Court should be using settlement masters who have not *represented the defendant or the plaintiffs* before. Someone really neutral a bit removed from the matter. Thank you for considering my views.

I, Andrew U. D. Straw, verify that the above statements are true and correct on penalty of perjury.

Respectfully submitted this 13th Day of July, 2024.

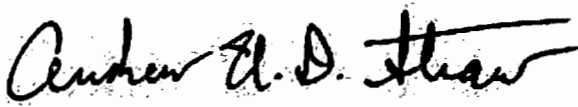


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Andrew U. D. Straw, certify that on this 13th Day of July, 2024, I sent this **LETTER** to the Clerk of Court via U.S. Mail. CM/ECF will serve these documents to defendant's counsel upon scanning by the Clerk into PDF format.

Respectfully submitted,



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